



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Your words,  
O Lord, are

*Spirit & Life*



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## February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm  
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm  
Other times by appointment

### BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- \*To join the parish
- \*For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- \*For Baptism class information
- \*For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- \* If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

### MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*  
*Mike Vanderploeg*  
*William Arnold*

Weekend Servers  
(Middle and High Schoolers):  
*Gabe Trussoni*

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the  
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*  
[tomkratt@charter.net](mailto:tomkratt@charter.net)

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements*

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):  
*Stephanie Gauger*

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:  
*Carolyn Steingraeber*

### PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*  
*Luci Johnson*

Building Maintenance:  
*Carl Francksen*

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1  
*Pat Hammes*

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4  
*Pauline Connell*

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:  
*Jennifer Kulzer*

First Communion & Reconciliation  
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:  
*Bernice Lansing*

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:  
*Barb Schmitz*

February 6, 2022

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Feb 5 & 6

Pope Saint John Paul II instituted this day of prayer in 1997 to highlight the gift of the consecrated persons to the whole church. It is celebrated close to Feb 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day, when the candles used at Mass are blessed. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus to the world.

WE ARE, TOO!

### MASS INTENTIONS

It is a blessing when a Mass can be offered for someone dear. When you contact the parish office to arrange for Masses, be aware that our parish reserves Masses on this basis: 3 Masses may be offered for the same person on specific dates, 1 being on a weekend or holiday, and 2 during the week. These are scheduled at least 6 weeks apart. Additional Masses for that person will be scheduled when there are openings for Mass intentions. It is especially helpful when Masses are requested without a specific date attached. All Mass stipends are \$10.

## THANK YOU

Father Aaron Becker

(along with Fathers Nate Kuhn, John Paar,  
and Conrad Targonski)

Your presence here offering Masses and the sacraments has been a blessing for us, and, we are sure, for Father Raj, who has spent some needed time in India with his family.

God's blessings on you all!

Tribute to Sister Thea Bowman

Look for information on Sister's life coming soon from the Education Department at Viterbo. Our school was blessed to have Sister's presence in the classroom many years ago. Her students remember her zest for life and deep spirituality. A week of celebration will be March 27 through April 1.

Sister Thea, Servant of God, pray for us.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Located through the entrance in the alley between King and Main Streets. If you wish access between 8 pm and 6 am, call the parish office for the door code.

February 7 - 13, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Caryl Doberstein

- MON 2/7** Weekday  
7:15 +Janet Barber
- TUES 2/8** Weekday; Jerome Emiliani, Josephine Bakhita  
7:15 +Jaci Jagodzinski
- WED 2/9** Weekday  
7:15 +Samuel Smith  
8:15 +Deacon Richard Sage
- THUR 2/10** Scholastica  
7:15 +Wanda Nigborowicz
- FRI 2/11** Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes  
7:15 +Mary Mashak
- SAT 2/12** Weekday; BVM  
NO 7:15 Mass

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Aaron Becker

- SAT 2/12** 4:30 pm *Intention of the Dennis & Kay Berra family*  
Servers: Mike & Maria J.  
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner  
Rosary Leaders: Gene & Mary Ann Roesler
- SUN 2/13** 8:00 +Paul Poehling  
Server: Bobby S.  
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg  
Rosary Leaders: Dave & Marie Allen  
10:00 *For the people of the parish*  
Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H.  
Readers: LuAnn Kratt, Bobbi Schamberger  
Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15  
or by appointment.

### THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

### MEN'S GATHERING

Tuesday, February 8, 6:00, Parish Center  
Mark your calendar. Come for prayer & learning.

Men's Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love and mercy. I pray, Lord, that we might be worthy servants for You. Holy Spirit, guide us, help us to be holy men, men of virtue, men of prayer, men of faith, men of love, men of hope, and men of discipline. May we continue to strive to become the best version of ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## AROUND THE PARISH

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details. We would love to have you!

Empty ice cream buckets and lids may be dropped off in the parish office, the Narthex, or the Parish Center kitchen. The funeral lunch crew says: thanks. By the way, egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags are so appreciated at Wafer. We'll take them off your hands, too.

### REST IN PEACE

+Elizabeth Schafer  
mother of Theresa Kivi  
+Gary Pauly  
father of Jennifer Cambio  
+Alan Laueremann  
former parishioner  
+Father Robert Nelson  
former associate pastor

### BLOOD DRIVE

#### HERE AT OUR PARISH

Friday, February 11, 11-4 pm  
Check the flyer on the bulletin board or our parish website for information on signing up  
Give blood; give life!  
**There is a special need for Type O blood at this time**

### WARMING CENTER

#### 3rd Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish is joining with Roncalli Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays nights.  
\*10-12 volunteers; 2 for food  
\*guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place  
\*limited to 30 guests/night  
To sign up contact:  
[anthonyweisse@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyweisse@gmail.com) or check the parish website

*Address, email, or phone number change? Let the Parish Office know so we don't lose track of you.*

### \$CRIP NEWS

Could you help with our flourishing \$crip program by being a seller after a weekend Mass once a month? Call the office to let us know when you are available. 782-2953, ext. 1

### Formed.org

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. This week, as we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes, explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in the movie *Bernadette* which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.

Check it out on Formed.org.

### BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright gives people facing a troubling or unexpected pregnancy hope and support. Help the volunteers with your donations. Take a baby bottle home, and through the next few weeks put your spare change in the bottle. Return the bottle to church in early March or send a check to Birthright through our parish.

Pray for the moms, dads, and those little precious gifts they are given.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 30	\$7,064

You seldom see a motorcycle outside a psychiatrist's office.

### COMING UP

Feb 5-6 World Day for Consecrated Life  
Feb 8 Men's Gathering, 6 pm  
Feb 9 Religious Ed classes  
Feb 11 Blood Drive at BSP  
Feb 12 Fr. Raj returns from India  
Feb 13 Little Flowers Club, 11:30  
Feb 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00  
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm  
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

Your envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development may be dropped in the collection next week or send to the parish office.

## COMING UP

### ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified. If you would like to join this army of pray-ers, let the office know, as well.

### WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

\*Luke & Whitney Andera  
children: Keegan & Kamden  
\*Vicki Moss

### CONGRATULATIONS TOM LEE LA CROSSE TRIBUNE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

### RETURN

This New Year resolve to help your loved ones RETURN to their Catholic Faith. 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one who joins, and 50% of the young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. This course is designed as a game plan so you can make a difference in these statistics and help your loved ones return to the Faith. Sessions meet weekly at St. James, St. Patricks, the Cathedral, here at BSP, and as a home study. The cost is just \$8.00, including the study guide. Information on times and locations on the bulletin boards in church, on the Parish Website, or call the office, 782-2953, ext. 2.

## AROUND TOWN

### LEARNING TO LIVE AND LOVE BEYOND BIAS

Workshops presented by Rev. Christa Fischer  
Tuesdays: Feb 8 & 15, 6-8 pm

St. Anthony Retreat Center

Learn how bias is real and has a powerful and devastating impact on our lives.

Free will offering

[www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com).

### RETROVAILLE PROGRAM

Help for struggling marriages

This is a 3-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in Wausau. Post sessions provide ongoing healing and support. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse; this is not group therapy. Costs are very affordable. Questions? Go to: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), or call 877-922-4673. The next session begins on Feb 18-20.

### AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open. If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area.

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment). Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook.

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### SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	David Nowicki
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Joseph Glatczak
Thurs	Matthew Szymanski
Fri	Brian Ward
Sat	Kyle Lang
Sun	Alex Radtke

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters.*

*Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

### THE AMERICAN PROPHET SERIES

February 10, 6:30-8 pm: Dorothy Day

Presenter: Tony Pichler

In person or via Zoom; free will offering

When Pope Francis addressed Congress in 2015, he named Dorothy Day as one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Along with Peter Maurin, she started the Catholic Worker Movement, centering her activity on Houses of Hospitality and the Catholic Worker newspaper, both of which continue to thrive nearly 90 years after their founding.

Register by visiting [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236.

### MAKING SENSE OF LIFE'S CHANGES

Sat, Feb 12, 9-noon, in person, Franciscan Spirituality C

Presenters: Mike Hesch & Romona Schmelzer

\$40; deadline Feb 9

Change is inevitable, and even positive changes can pose challenges. Learn helpful strategies to guide you on the path to joyful acceptance.

Go to: [FSCenter.org](http://FSCenter.org), or 608-791-5295

### AFTERNOON FOR LOVERS

Curing the fear of forever: Little steps for a quality relationship/marriage

Sun, Feb 13, 1-4 pm; \$65 per couple

St. Anthony Retreat Center

Presenters: married couple & psychotherapists,

Dakota Kaiser & Rachel Sheldon

A gathering packed with tools and activities to help build an epic relationship. Any couple looking to grow and improve their relationship will walk away with something to talk about.

Register at: [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236.

### COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE APOSTOLATES

Ministry to those experiencing same-sex attraction and also their friends & relatives.

Contact Ann Lankford: 608-791-2658.

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Weekly dialogue in person or virtual using Pope Francis' 'Fratelli Tutti' (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, the study guide.)

Thursdays, 9:30-11 am or 6:30-8 pm

Coordinator: Adele DiNatale-Svetnicka

She has had 12 years of experience in parish ministry and is an FSPA affiliate.

Reserve your spot at [www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236. Free will offering.

Feb 2: Intro & Ch.1: Dark Clouds over a Closed World.

Mar 3: Ch. 2: A Stranger on the Road